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RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING DRAWINGS

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Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the attached Notice Regarding Drawings mailed 3/9/06, and attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review. Pursuant to Applicant's Attorney's telephone conferences with Draftsmen John Fitzhugh and Josh Chase, Objection "11. SHADING" in said Notice should be waived and the attached corrected Formal Figures 1 through 12 are submitted herewith for reconsideration.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the "Commissioner of Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on

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NIV-0005 (UCT-0020-01) 10/004,401 It is respectfully asserted that the foregoing Formal Figures 1 through 12 fully respond to the aforementioned Notices and that the drawings herein should now be allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Please telephone the undersigned for any reason. Applicants respectfully endeavor to cooperate with the Examiner and to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Corrected drawings for the above-identified application, received in the USPTO on <u>11/15/2001</u> are still not acceptable for the reason(s) identified on the attached PTO-948. Applicant is given one opportunity to correct the informalities within a two-month time period from the mailing date of this Notice. THIS TIME PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR 1.136(b). Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in abandonment of the application.

ATTACHMENT: PTO-948 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Review

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